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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

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1. ON MAY 21 EMBOFF ENCOUNTERED DR. KAMAL EFFAT, MEMBER OF EGYPT'S NUCLEAR NEGOTIATING TEAM, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FORM US. DR. EFFAT INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE FUEL SUPPLY CONTRACT, WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS IN DRAFT FORM WHEN HE LEFT WASHINGTON AND WHICH DEPARTMENT TOLD HIM WAS POUCHED TO CAIRO ON MAY 10. DR. EFFAT SAID THAT IT IS MINISTER SULTAN'S INTENTION TO GO TO WASHINGTON SOMETIME IN MID-JUNE TO SIGN THE FUEL SUPPLY CONTRACT AND,HOPEFULLY, TO NEGOTIAT COOPERATION AGREEMENT. DR. EFFAT THEREFORE ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE DRAFT FUEL SUPPLY AGREEMENT SOONEST. HE ALSO EXPECTS DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT, WHICH HE SAYS THE DEPARTMENT ALSO PROMISED HIM "VERY SOON", WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MINISTER'S DEPARTURE FOR US.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ON STATUS OF SRAFT SUPPLY CONTRACT AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT. ALSO FOR OUR INFORMATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW CURRENT STATE OF DEPARTMENT'S THIKING ON TIMING OF SIGNING OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT IF NEGOTIATIOSNS PROVE SUCCESSFUL.

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